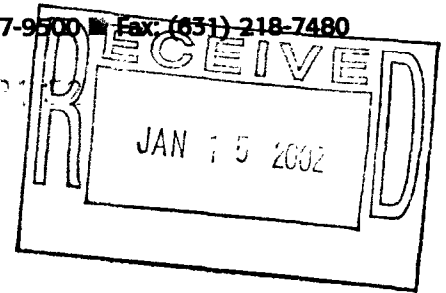




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December 17, 2001

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Alpha Lipoic Acid supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Physiologics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

- Supports/Promotes Antioxidant Protection
- Alpha Lipoic Acid is a vitamin-like antioxidant that helps neutralize cell-damaging free radicals.
- Free radicals can contribute to oxidative stress, which plays a role in the premature aging of cells.
- Alpha Lipoic Acid also helps metabolize sugar in the body, especially in muscles, where it promotes energy.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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